

HOW TO DIG CANAL

President to Tell What He Saw at Panama.

MESSAGE TO BE ILLUSTRATED

Many Large Propositions for Work Cut Out for Congress in Several Executive Messages—Little Progress Expected Before the Holidays—Japanese School Question.

The President will be the central figure in Congress this week.

There will be four legislative days. Both Houses adjourn Thursday for the holiday vacation.

To-day two messages will be sent. One will relate to the Panama Canal. It will present conditions on the isthmus as the President found them on his recent trip there, and will embody certain recommendations. The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission will be submitted at the same time. The message will go down in history as the first illustrated utterance from the White House, for each Senator and each member of the House will be supplied with a number of photographs of views taken during the President's trip of inspection. These photographs give a graphic idea of scenes along the Culebra Cut, in the great halls, the storerooms, the quarters, the stores and streets in Colon, and other towns along the canal. But one shows the President during his trip to the isthmus.

New Canal Commission Expected.

The members of the Canal Commission of the Senate make no attempt to conceal their deep interest in the forthcoming message.

The present Isthmian Canal Commission has been serving for more than a year without confirmation. In the past the commissions were not again sent in at the opening of the present session has led to the belief that the President has in contemplation some different plan. Some Senators quote him as declaring that the present size of the commission is too large and unwieldy. They hint at an organization of three members.

Another subject that has lost interest with the committee is the investigation begun last session and conducted for several months. It is realized by the members that the President's recent trip of inspection has practically nullified the results of the inquiry and made unnecessary any further investigation.

Many Senators express the belief that the construction of a lock canal will prove a failure. But there is no inclination to place any obstacles in the way of the President in his execution of the plans which he has mapped out. The second message, to be sent to Congress to-day, will relate to the public lands.

Japanese School Question.

To-morrow there will be a message on the Japanese question, which became so acute over the action of the San Francisco authorities in excluding the little brown man from the schools of San Francisco. That portion of the annual report of Secretary Taft upon the intervention of the United States in Cuba will also be sent in to-morrow. Wednesday the President will respond to the recent request of the Senate that he supply it with full information bearing upon the subject of the recent discharge without honor of three companies of negro troops.

The House has already passed the resolution fixing the holiday recess for the two weeks beginning December 29. The Senate will likely take favorable action upon it to-morrow.

The right of Reed Smoot to retain his seat is a privileged question, and can be called up at any time in the Senate, but it is believed that further discussion may be postponed until the reassembling on January 8. There are no more speeches to be made against Mr. Smoot. It is expected that Senator Spooner and Senator Foraker will make legal arguments supporting his right to hold his seat.

The House has passed one of the great supply bills, and may take up during the week the Indian appropriation bill, which has been reported.

LABOR WANTS SUNDAY BARS.

Chicago Federation Bitterly Opposes Closing of Saloons.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The Chicago Federation of Labor went on record to-day as bitterly opposed to the Sunday-closing of saloons.

The resolution, which pledges the federation to co-operation with the "United Societies," an organization of about 100,000 members engaged in a campaign for "personal liberty" and "blue laws," refers to the saloon as the "poor man's club," and adds that members of the Sunday Closing League are indifferent to observance of the greater part of the State's regulations for Sabbath observance.

The resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Officials of the federation have already conferred with representatives of the "United Societies" concerning the forcing of a local government clause into the new charter in which Chicago may make its own regulations concerning Sunday closing.

MARIE CORELLI SCORES SEX.

"Man-hater" Now Turns on Women and Attacks Equal Suffrage.

London, Dec. 16.—Marie Corelli, the "best man-hater in England," has now turned her scornful pen on her own sex and has attacked woman suffrage. She has not receded from her position of contempt for men, however. She says that she can now direct fifty men's votes at an election, but that if she had a vote of her own that power would be destroyed.

She argued that if woman has the natural heritage of her sex of subjugation, she has no need of mingling in his political fray.

She further scorns women for allowing themselves to be given away in fashion parades which advertise wigs, hip pads, etc.

Shot and Killed in Quarrel.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 16.—William Pitten, a saloon keeper of Beaver Meadows, near here, shot and killed Harry Stewart, Stewart was a former boarder at Pitten's Hotel, but was ordered from the place. He returned this morning and a fight ensued. Pitten was getting worried when he pulled a revolver and shot Stewart.

Cleveland Diphtheria in a Kiss.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Prof. Edward Bemis, superintendent of the waterworks and a Johns Hopkins graduate, caught diphtheria on Saturday night when he kissed his little son Lloyd on the forehead. The boy was supposed to be ill with tonsillitis, but later it was found to be diphtheria.

TOWN LOT FRAUDS EXPOSED.

William Dudley Foulke Makes Special Inquiry in Indian Territory.

William Dudley Foulke, recently sent to Indian Territory by President Roosevelt to investigate charges of graft in town lots in the Creek Nation, has returned to Washington. He will report to the President to-day. The charges were brought by L. M. Mott, attorney for the Creeks. In effect, they allege that three or four concerns in the Territory have combined to gobble up town lots.

Under the law, which was drawn for the purpose of providing as many homes as possible, one person may buy a lot with a frontage of 100 feet, if he wants to establish a home. Persons desiring to engage in business may buy four acres of land within the town site. The charge is that the "combine" has paid "dummy" to buy these four-acre lots and get title to them and pass it on to the speculators. Mr. Mott, who has been in Washington for several days, will return to the Territory immediately and continue the investigation.

New charges have been filed against Commissioner Tams Bixby. It is alleged that he is interested in business enterprises in the Indian Territory which imply its usefulness as a government official.

TWO CENTS A MILE ENOUGH

Representative Kennedy Urges the Expediency of Regulation.

Railroads Now Selling Long Distance Tickets at Two Cents—Higher Rates for Short Trips.

"I am encouraged to believe that my bill will be a success," said Representative Kennedy, of Ohio, who has proposed a national law fixing the passenger rate sold at 2 to 4 cents. In other words, the man who travels a good deal gets on the car with his thousand-mile ticket and may sit right alongside the farmer or mechanic who is going but a few miles down the line to get work and pay 3 cents a mile. Is there any good reason why the man who travels long distances and has plenty of money to spend should be favored as compared with the man who has only a few short distance? The accommodations are equal and the cost of transportation to the railroad company is the same per mile. The price should be regulated so that the people who need the lower price may have it. As a rule, the shorter-distance traveler is in by far the greater number and furnishes the railroads the bulk of profits on passenger traffic.

"The exceptions to the 2-cent regulation would come in the case of roads through a mountainous country or regions where travel is limited. The cost of operating a train through such a country shown to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and if the grounds of the exception are just and reasonable, the commission should have the power to allow a higher rate per mile."

WILL MYSTERY IS CLEARED.

Man Who Bequeathed Fortune to Mythical Daughter Was Insane.

Franklin, Pa., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Esther Marshall, of this city, to-day cleared the mystery of a remarkable will made by her son, Robert Marshall, who died in Denver two weeks ago.

Following Marshall's death on the operating table in St. Luke's Hospital, a will was found in which he bequeathed \$35,000 to a daughter he had never seen.

According to the will, the daughter was born in a hospital in Mercer, Pa., in 1881, shortly after his death. He had died from him at Warren, Pa. He did not know her name or where she lived.

The Denver authorities succeeded in locating Mrs. Esther Marshall, the mother of the dead man, who said her son's will was the product of a diseased imagination, his mind having been unsound for several years. She says the absurdity of the will is shown in the fact that in 1881 he was only thirteen years old, and that at that time there was not a hospital in Mercer.

DEFORES CARNEGIE'S GIFTS.

English Professor Sees Harm in Donating to Scottish Universities.

London, Dec. 16.—Prof. Sir William Japp Sinclair, of Victoria University, Manchester, in a speech at Aberdeen, voiced the numerous severe complaints of the evil effect of Carnegie's gift of \$10,000,000 to the Scottish universities. He said that he had never met an Aberdeen graduate who did not denounce the influence of the gift.

The practical effect of the gift was that a majority of students at all the Scottish universities had drawn from the trust fund, many of them squandering the money supplied by their parents and concealing the fact that they received help from the fund. It is declared that the Scottish students are losing their self-reliance and capacity for study under difficulties, and that the whole nature of Scottish university training is undergoing a change for the worse.

WHAT ENGLISH GIRLS READ.

Edna Lyall Is Favorite Novelist, According to Investigation.

London, Dec. 16.—An investigation of the favorite novelists of British girls results in the following order of popularity: Edna Lyall, H. S. Merriman, R. L. Stevenson, Stanley Weyman, Gaskell, Bulwer Lytton, Marie Corelli, and Allen Raine.

Negro Soldier Found Guilty.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 16.—Alden H. Easton, colored, of Company A, Twenty-fifth Infantry, was to-day sentenced to ten years at hard labor in Leavenworth, Kans. The negro was convicted by court-martial on a charge of using threatening, abusive, and profane language toward two lieutenants, and was found guilty.

Boy Killed by Accidental Shot.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Oscar Scherer, aged fourteen, of a well-known family of North Fairmount, a suburb, was shot in the head and instantly killed this evening by a neighbor's boy, whose name is not known by police. The bullet was a stray one, being fired from a distance.

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Amateur Theatricals Disrupt Chicago Suburb.

ONE CHORISTER DISMISSED

Methodists and Episcopalians Engage in Open Battle of Words and One Millionaire Leaves Dr. Williams' Flock—Minister Ironically Elected Press Agent of Show.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Oak Park Methodists have declared war on the Episcopalians of their suburb.

No bomb throwing or incendiarism is expected, but a bitter struggle seems certain. The campaign bids fair to be carried into the women's clubs and into nonsectarian charity work, too, and really threatens serious trouble between the members of the two churches. The Methodists say the Episcopalians gave aid and comfort to a deserter from their faith, expelled her from the church, and injured by procuring the Methodist minister's election as press agent of a theatrical troupe on which he had placed the church's ban.

It happened like this: Mrs. W. C. Parsal was a member of the Methodist choir. She took the part of a tipsy woman in a presentation of "Captain Racket" by the Oak Park Dramatic Club, an amateur organization.

For participation in what he considered an improper play, Rev. Dr. Milton B. Williams, of the Oak Park Methodist Church, expelled her from the choir.

Partly to spite Dr. Williams, and partly, they said, to show the public that "Captain Racket" is "all right," the dramatic club resolved to give the play again. Then they elected Dr. Williams their press agent and reserved a box for him in their little opera house.

That box was empty when the play was given last night. Nor were there any Methodists present. There are many Episcopalians in the club, however. The Methodists considered the election of their pastor as press agent an insult, and accepted it as such. Hence the declaration of war.

Inasmuch as Oak Park is one of the city's most aristocratic suburbs and both churches number several millionaires in their congregations, the outcome of the struggle is awaited with deep interest all over the city. John Parsons, millionaire member of the firm of Parsons, Leach & Co., is a seceder from the Methodist church as a result of Dr. Williams' attitude, remarking that the pastor is "doing his utmost to make the Methodist church the most unpopular place in Oak Park."

FEAR PLOT TO KILL WITNESSES

Prosecution in Teamster Conspiracy Cases Spirit Away Five Men.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Fearful of violence to the State's witnesses in the teamsters' conspiracy cases on trial here, attorneys for the prosecution have smuggled Albert Young, William J. McKeown, and Michael Murphy out of Chicago, and are supposed to have them in hiding somewhere in Indiana.

The five men were among those indicted for conspiracy in the teamsters' strike of 1905, had entered pleas of guilty, and have been the prosecution's strongest witnesses. They have been heavily guarded during the trial, and have not been permitted to sleep together, or twice in the same place during the trial. Despite these precautions, hints reached Prosecutor Healy's camp that a plot existed "to do them up."

Five men answering their descriptions registered under assumed names in Michigan City Friday night, but have since vanished from there. It is supposed that news of their whereabouts leaked out, and that they were spirited away for safety. Assistant Prosecutor Miller, who is conducting the case, declares it the most important since the anarchists' trial, not only in its revelations of violence, but from the fact that the State is endeavoring to make any sympathetic strike a conspiracy.

NO TAX ON BOGUS TITLES.

But the Genuine Article in France Must Pay Tribute.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Would any people but the French, with their refreshing habit of being ever ready to give, have a sensation, think of putting the stamp of state on a recognition of titles of nobility after declaring that such titles are nonexistent? The chamber has assented to such a project on the budget committee's proposal for the sake of providing further revenue.

Titles are not to be re-established or made legal, but the bearers and users of them are to be compelled to pay a tax, as well as those inheriting them. The law might by reverse action extinguish titles, if human vanity were not equal to any strain, through causing relinquishment of titles in preference to payment for the privilege of wearing them.

The joke is that the tax is to be levied only on titles known to be authentic; so fake titles may flourish untaxed, and without being interfered with. All mayors are to be requested to send in lists of persons bearing titles, whether they are real or false.

MUCH PLUNDER IS FOUND.

Police Make Four Arrests and Secure Property Worth \$5,000.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—An alleged "strong-arm" in an Orleans street tenement house was raided by the police to-night, four arrests made, and \$5,000 worth of plunder recovered, most of which was quickly identified by the owners. It is believed the establishment has disposed of \$20,000 or \$25,000 worth of stolen goods with the past few months.

Those who identified to-night's haul were T. J. Kohl, furnishing goods dealer, and A. Goldstein, a trader in metals, whose places were completely looted by burglars early this morning.

Child Is Crushed to Death.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 16.—Charles Ball Stratford, thirteen years old, was crushed to death while playing in a miniature subway with several chums. Young Stratford was the grandson of the late Col. Charles Ball, and the last of the line of one of the South's most noted families.

Six Injured in Wreck.

New York, Dec. 16.—A trolley car in charge of a student motorist smashed into a Bath Beach train at Eighty-sixth street and Eighteenth avenue, Brooklyn, to-night. The badly injured were John J. Barr, Frank C. Taylor, Charles Goodwin, Emil Logley, Edward Tjelen, and Mrs. Michael Fagan.

Connecticut Begins Trial.

New York, Dec. 16.—The battle ship Connecticut, the product of government employees, sailed from the navy yard in Brooklyn to-day for Hampton Roads. The Connecticut will have a five-day trial trip.

BYWATER'S DEATH SHAKES CULPEPER

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testified, the men were admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000 each. The bonds were signed by Russell Smith, treasurer of the county, who defeated William Bywater in the race for the office at the last election: E. L. Perry, R. T. Green, and Dr. Johnson Strother, a cousin of the accused men.

Inquest Resumed on Wednesday.

The case will come up for hearing again on Wednesday, when the inquest, which has not been completed, will be finished, if it is possible to get all the necessary witnesses before the jury.

The body was given over to the charge of the coroner Saturday evening, and the post-mortem examination held in the undertaking shop to which the body was taken. It resulted in the finding of ten bullet wounds in the body of Bywater. Five of them were from a .38 caliber revolver, and five of them from a .22. The two revolvers are in the custody of the sheriff, and each of them show the chambers, five in the .38 and six in the .22, empty. This makes eleven bullets fired, and all but one of them struck Bywater. The body was turned over to his family at 8 o'clock this morning.

After the shooting James Strother called up Sheriff Pulliam over the phone and told him that the body of Bywater was on his porch roof. The sheriff, almost at a loss to believe the story, went to the yard to the home of Judge D. A. Grimesley, whose wife is a sister of Bywater's mother, and told him what he had heard. Judge Grimesley was dumfounded, and called up the Strother home.

Tells Reason for Shooting.

He was answered by Mrs. Nellie Gaines, sister of Bywater's mother, who, at Judge Grimesley's request, called James Strother to the phone. James Strother corroborated the statement that Bywater had been killed, and told the judge the reason for the shooting, saying that after the marriage Bywater had attempted to desert his bride of but an hour.

Sheriff Pulliam and Judge Grimesley notified Burnett Miller, law partner of Judge Grimesley, who in turn notified Coroner Lewis, who found Sheriff Pulliam in charge when he arrived on the scene, and found the body untouched on the tin roof of the porch.

The detailed story of the shooting has not yet been brought out by the coroner, but it seems, as near as can be gathered from persons who were there and who have talked to eyewitnesses of the affair, that James Strother was left in the house, Bywater, James and Philip Strother came to Culpeper.

Philip and Bywater went to the office of County Clerk W. E. Coons and asked for a marriage license. Bywater is related to Coons, and the latter thought he was joking. However, he took Bywater into the back room of the clerk's office and there issued the papers. Philip Strother was with them, and Bywater, jokingly, told Strother that he would be the next to need a marriage license, and Coons discovered no apparent feeling of ill-will between them.

Only Cordial Feeling Shown.

Mr. Coons said that so far as he could see there was nothing but the most cordial feeling between the two men. They left together, and in Philip Strother's buggy they drove to Rotherwood, coming in the back way, requiring a drive of almost a mile through Strother's land to get to the house.

Jim Strother had also come to town, and he went after the rectory who performed the ceremony, Rev. J. W. Ware, of the Episcopal church. The rectory's son said to-day that so far as he knew, Ware had been elected mayor, and he is now a member of the West Virginia legislature. He is a lawyer of repute in his home and is said to have accumulated a handsome money. He is forty years old, of a substantial businesslike appearance, with a rather forbidding brow. As he sat in the corner's office this evening, while his brother was telling the story of the family's troubles, James sat back in his chair, eyeing the proceedings closely, as cool as any person in the place.

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Strother boys, whose family, according to Mayor Bell, of Culpeper, have been in Culpeper County "from time immemorial."

Crump's testimony was that he heard the shots at the house and went over, and told of finding the body. Dr. Chelf told the jury that Mrs. Bywater was physically unable to appear before the jury, and the most important testimony introduced was that of E. S. Gaines, whose wife is a sister of the Strother boys and Mrs. Bywater.

"Bywater married Viola," said Mr. Gaines, "but after the wedding he gave up to understand that he considered his duty done. My wife remonstrated with him and told him that because of the illness of our child she would be unable to stay all night with Viola, and she told Bywater she thought he ought to stay, as his wife was so ill."

"Bywater again said he would not stay, but went up to his wife's room. Later the boys went up, and Mrs. Gaines went up. When I started up the stairs I met Bywater coming down, as though fleeing. This was on the back stairs. I grabbed him by the coat collar and dragged him back to the room. When transpired in the room between the time Bywater left the porch, none of us went to him."

Goes to Wounded Man's Aid.

J. S. Lemon was the first man to go to the aid of Bywater. He was lying, partially on his face, diagonally across the upper part of the roof, according to Lemon's statement.

"Bywater recognized me," said Lemon, "and asked me for water. I got it for him, and also got some whisky. He must have lived thirty minutes after the shooting. He mentioned no one but his mother, about whom he seemed greatly concerned as long as he was conscious."

Lemon was the last man examined by the coroner's jury, and the inquest will be resumed on Wednesday morning. One of the points to be brought out is just what happened in the room of Mrs. Bywater after her husband had gone to see her and had been followed by the brothers. This may be brought out at the continued hearing, and may have an important bearing on the case as the direct cause of the shooting seems to hinge on just what he may have said or done at that time.

Live on Large Plantation.

The Strother plantation is one of the largest in this county. It has been in the family for years and their name has been as prominent in the political and social world of this section of the country as any. Each generation has brought forth its public men, and the father of the present generation, Col. John R. Strother, was a member of the State assembly for a long time. He died about two years ago, and the eldest son, James, purchased the home property. The family literally has sheep and cattle on a thousand hills, and from the west end of the house one can see no land but that belonging to this aristocratic old family.

Through the middle of the plantation runs a small creek, and the house, although on an eminence, is surrounded by higher hills.

After the tragedy of Saturday night the entire family left, the widowed bride being taken to the Gaines home, and the two of the brothers under arrest and the other at their side, the home was completely deserted.

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